

Winter Wheat Seedings



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Oregon

Wheat producers in Oregon seeded 800,000 acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2006. This is down 4 percent from last year's estimate of 830,000 acres and 3 percent from two years ago.

United States

Planted area for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. Seeding began last August and was behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas and allowed seeding to advance ahead of the 5-year average during the latter part of the month as mild and dry weather conditions prevailed. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding should finish this month in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 52 percent good to excellent compared with 76 percent last year.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 4.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Crop conditions varied across the three Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) throughout the fall. Washington's planted acreage is unchanged from 2005 despite seeding beginning late and some early concerns about moisture supplies. In Idaho, frequent rains resulted in good emergence and stand development for the crop.

Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2004-2006¹

Area	Crop year			2006/ 2005
	2004	2005	2006	
Oregon	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent
	820	830	800	96
Idaho	750	770	750	97
Washington	1,800	1,850	1,850	100
Pacific Northwest ²	3,370	3,450	3,400	99
United States	43,350	40,433	41,367	102

¹ Total for all purposes.

² Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.